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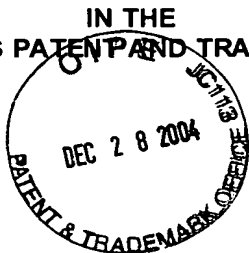
Application No.: 10/698,605

Examiner: Edwards, Anthony

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Group Art Unit: 2835

Title: LOCKING MECHANISM FOR REMOVABLE COMPONENTS



Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment () Petition to extend time to respond
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
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TOTAL CLAIMS	25	MINUS	25	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	4	MINUS	4	= 0	X \$88	\$ 0
[] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$300	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$430.00	3RD MONTH \$980.00	4TH MONTH \$1530.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

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Respectfully submitted,

John P. Franz et al.

By

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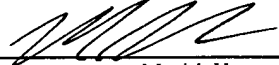
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED SEPTEMBER 17, 2004**

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on September 17, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

The Listing of the Claims begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

Authorization To Debit Deposit Account

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying

this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.